

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1 1.-12. (Cancelled)

1 13. (Currently Amended) A portable inhibitor device for use by a user, comprising a
2 transmitter of an inhibitor message for restricting processing, by an image capture device, of a
3 portion of an image corresponding to the user of said [[user]]portable inhibitor device, wherein
4 the inhibitor message is recognizable by the image capture device and is to cause an image
5 processor in the image capture device to perform an action to restrict processing of the portion of
6 the image corresponding to the user, and wherein the portable inhibitor device is external of and
7 separate from the image capture device.

1 14. (Currently Amended) The [[user]]portable inhibitor device as claimed in claim
2 13, wherein said inhibitor device is arranged to transmit said inhibitor message directionally.

1 15. (Currently Amended) The [[user]]portable inhibitor device as claimed in claim
2 13, wherein said inhibitor device is arranged to transmit said inhibitor message omni-
3 directionally.

1 16. (Currently Amended) The [[user]]portable inhibitor device as claimed in claim
2 13, wherein said transmitter is arranged to transmit the inhibitor message comprising an infrared
3 signal.

1 17. (Currently Amended) The [[user]]portable inhibitor device as claimed in claim
2 13, wherein said transmitter is arranged to transmit the inhibitor message comprising a visual
3 signal.

1 18. (Currently Amended) The [[user]]portable inhibitor device as claimed in claim
2 13, wherein said transmitter is arranged to transmit the inhibitor message comprising a radio
3 frequency signal.

1 19.-25. (Cancelled)

1 26. (Currently Amended) An image capture system comprising:
2 an image capture device, said image capture device including an image inhibitor
3 component responsive to an inhibit signal transmitted by an inhibitor device carried by an object
4 to restrict processing of a portion of an image captured by said image capture device,
5 wherein said image capture device is external of and separate from the inhibitor device,
6 wherein said image capture device includes an encoder responsive to the inhibit signal
7 detected by the image inhibitor component for encoding the portion of said image captured by
8 said image capture device, said encoded image portion corresponding to an image of said object.

1 27. (Previously Presented) The image capture system as claimed in claim 26, wherein
2 the image capture device is configured to:
3 send the encoded image portion to a trusted third party computer to allow the trusted third
4 party computer to decode the encoded image portion to recover an image of the object.

1 28. (Previously Presented) The image capture system as claimed in claim 27, wherein
2 the image capture device is configured to receive, from said trusted third party computer, the
3 recovered image of the object.

1 29. (Currently Amended) An image capture system comprising:
2 an inhibitor device adapted to be mounted on a host wearer for restricting processing of
3 image data corresponding to said host wearer, wherein the inhibitor device is to transmit an
4 inhibit message to an image capture device comprising an image inhibitor component for
5 restricting processing of the image data corresponding to the host wearer within a captured scene
6 image, wherein said inhibitor device is external of and separate from the image capture device;
7 wherein said inhibitor device is arranged for sending at least one image of the host wearer
8 of said inhibitor device to said image capture device to cause said image capture device to use
9 said at least one image of the host wearer for recognizing an image portion corresponding to said
10 host wearer within said captured scene image.

1 30. (Currently Amended) An image capture system comprising:
2 an inhibitor device adapted to be carried by a host wearer for restricting processing of
3 image data corresponding to said host wearer, wherein the inhibitor device is arranged to
4 transmit an inhibit signal to an image capture device to cause the image capture device to restrict
5 processing of the image data corresponding to the host wearer,
6 wherein the inhibitor device is external of and separate from the image capture device,
7 wherein said inhibitor device is arranged to send at least one image of the host wearer of
8 said inhibitor device to a third party computer entity, to cause said third party computer entity to
9 use said at least one image of the host wearer for recognizing an image portion corresponding to
10 said host wearer.

1 31. (Currently Amended) An image capture device comprising:
2 an optics system for forming an image; and
3 an image inhibitor operable for receiving from an inhibitor device associated with a user
4 that is external of and separate from said image capture device, an inhibit signal for inhibiting a
5 portion of said image corresponding to the user; and
6 an image processor responsive to detection of the inhibit signal by the image inhibitor to
7 perform an action to restrict processing of the portion of the image corresponding to the user.

1 32.-39. (Cancelled)

1 40. (Previously Presented) The portable inhibitor device as claimed in claim 13,
2 wherein the inhibitor message is to cause the image processor in the image capture device to
3 perform the action that modifies the portion of the image corresponding to the user.

1 41. (Previously Presented) The portable inhibitor device as claimed in claim 40,
2 wherein modifying of the portion of the image includes one or more of: decreasing a resolution
3 of the portion of the image; overlaying a graphic image on the portion of the image; defocusing
4 the portion of the image; and darkening the portion of the image.

1 42. (Previously Presented) The portable inhibitor device as claimed in claim 13,
2 wherein the transmitter is configured to further send an image of the user to the image capture
3 device.

1 43. (Previously Presented) The image capture system as claimed in claim 26, wherein
2 the image capture device is configured to modify the portion of the image to obscure the portion
3 of the image in response to the inhibit signal.

1 44. (Previously Presented) The image capture system of claim 43, wherein the portion
2 of the image is modified by one or more of: decreasing a resolution of the portion of the image;
3 overlaying a graphic image on the portion of the image; defocusing the portion of the image; and
4 darkening the portion of the image.

1 45. (Previously Presented) The image capture device as claimed in claim 31, wherein
2 the image processor is to further receive an image of the user from the inhibitor device, and
3 wherein the image processor is to match the received image of the user with the portion
4 of said image formed by the optics system.

1 46. (Previously Presented) The image capture device as claimed in claim 31, wherein
2 the action performed by the image processor includes modifying the portion of the image
3 corresponding to the user.

1 47. (Previously Presented) The image capture device as claimed in claim 31, wherein
2 modifying the portion of the image includes one or more of:
3 decreasing a resolution of the portion of the image; overlaying a graphic image on the
4 portion of the image; defocusing the portion of the image; and darkening the portion of the
5 image.

1 48. (Previously Presented) The image capture device as claimed in claim 31, wherein
2 the image processor is to process image data captured by the optics system.